

March 26, 2002

**In the Matter of Taxicab Driver's
License #05505, held by Eden R.
Gartner, 2447 Aldrich Ave So.
Minneapolis, MN 55405**

**Findings of Fact
Conclusion
Recommendations**

This matter came before the Licenses and Consumer Services Division (LCS) during a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) investigative meeting held March 26, 2002 in room 1-C of City Hall. Mr. Gartner was present as well as License Inspector Vu Tran. Mr. Gartner chose to forego a hearing and stipulate to the following. Based on the evidence presented at the meeting, the Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) Mr. Eden Ronald Gartner was a holder of a provisional Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License # 05505. His provisional taxicab license was scheduled to expire on February 27, 2002.
- 2) As a requirement for any provisional license holder, Mr. Gartner was required to take and pass the Courtesy Taxicab Training Program before he will be granted his permanent taxicab driver's license.
- 3) He attended all five classes and passed the final exam.
- 4) The next step for him should have been to come back into the Licenses and Consumer Services office, pay the remainder of the \$118 application fee and get his permanent taxicab driver's license.
- 5) Not only did he fail to do this; he continued driving for Rainbow Taxi after his provisional taxicab driver's license had expired.
- 6) A review of Rainbow Taxi records confirmed that he had been driving a Rainbow taxi with an expired provisional taxicab driver's license.
- 7) A review of Mr. Gartner's taxicab file yields no complaints against him.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Driving with an expired taxicab driver's license is the same as driving without one, for this Mr. Wallace is in violation of Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance section 341.340.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services that:

- 1) Mr. Gartner will be on suspension for 14 days. Since he has been placed out-of-service since March 5, 2002, this will be credited toward the 14 days.
- 2) Mr. Gartner will pay an administrative fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the City of Minneapolis Finance Department.
- 3) Mr. Gartner will pay the remainder of the taxicab application fee of fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00) to the City of Minneapolis. By signing his name below and accepting to the terms of this agreement, Mr. Gartner will be granted a permanent taxicab driver's license.

I have read the Technical Advisory Committee Investigative meeting's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations. I understand and agree to the recommendations contained herein and understand this agreement is subject to the approval of the City Council. I further agree that any violation of this agreement may result in the suspension or revocation of my Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License and or Vehicle License.

Signature, Eden Ronald Gartner

Date

Signature, Witness

Date